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***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

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Title: ANTIBODY AGAINST VON WILLEBRAND FACTOR CLEAVING  
ENZYME AND ASSAY SYSTEM USING THE SAME  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated September 25, 2008, concerning the above-referenced patent application. By virtue of the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and payment of the prescribed fees, this response is timely filed on or before March 25, 2009.

**Amendments to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this document.